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U. S. WILL SEND EXHIBITS
TO INTERNATIONAL FUR SHOW

America's fur industry will be represented with an exhibit at the International Fur Exposition, to be held at Leipzig, Germany, from May 31 to September 30, 1930, according to Paul G. Redington, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Participation of the Department in the Exposition has been assured by recent action of Congress in making the necessary appropriation. In preparing the exhibit particular attention will be given to the products of American fur farms as well as to the furs taken in trapping and hunting. Many of the finest skins produced, says Mr. Redington, particularly silver fox, mink, and muskrat pelts, come from American fur farms and stocked marshlands.

Five thousand square feet of space have been assigned for the American exhibit in the Hall of Nations in Leipzig, where national exhibits from France, U. S. S. R. (Russia), Chile, England, and other countries also will be shown. Live furred animals will be exhibited in reproductions of their native habitats.

The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce are co-operating in the preparation of material to be exhibited by the United States Government through the Agriculture Department's Office of Exhibits, which will have a representative at the Exposition. Other representatives of the Government who will go to Leipzig are Frank S. Ashbrook, head of the division of fur

resources, Lisle Morrison, in charge of exhibits, of the Bureau of Biological Survey, and Edward N. Ball, Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce.

Besides the modern exhibits of furs, hunting trophies, equipment, and the methods and processes of the fur industry, a series of exhibits representing the uses of fur in all ages, the history of the chase, wild game in art, and the importance of conservation measures will be among the important features of the Exposition.

The German Government has invited the United States and other fur-producing nations to send representatives to the First International Fur Congress, to be held in connection with the Exposition June 22-29. The fur congress will take up problems common to the industry throughout the world, according to announcements. Efforts will be made to establish standards for the grading of pelts, uniform names for similar products, and standard policies for terms and deliveries. Customs requirements and regulations will also come up for discussion along with other questions vital to the international fur trade.

The United States is the largest fur-producing country in the world. The raw-fur harvest is worth approximately \$65,000,000 each year to the trappers, most of them farm boys. The fur farming industry in the United States and Alaska represents an investment of nearly \$50,000,000.

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